



## NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

Earlier today, I voted for [a bill](#) providing emergency disaster funding for Harvey relief and continuing federal funding as well as suspending the debt limit through December 8th. The bill passed the House by a vote of 316-90, and now heads to the President's desk.

I am thankful that disaster relief funding will be sent to Texas. Millions of our fellow Americans are struggling in Harvey's aftermath, and people across the nation are stepping up to help out. It's our job in Congress to do the same.

I am also cautiously optimistic that today's bill, which averted a government shutdown and debt ceiling crisis, represents a move away from the irresponsible brinksmanship that has recently come to define Washington. While Congress should not expect applause for performing its basic functions, this is a step in the right direction.

Providing disaster relief is one of the federal government's core responsibilities. With another devastating hurricane approaching Florida, I will keep working to make sure our nation is there for its citizens during their times of greatest need.

### **Working together to stop the opioid crisis**

Thanks to Manchester Fire Chief Daniel Goonan for a productive discussion on Monday about tactics to combat New Hampshire's heroin, prescription opioid, and fentanyl crisis, and to Serenity Place Executive Director Stephanie Bergeron for an informative tour of her recovery facility, which is doing great work in downtown Manchester.



[Read more about our visit in the Union Leader.](#)

### **Prioritizing higher education**

Yesterday I introduced [H.R.3683](#), the Student and Families Tax Reduction Act, a bill to make the above-the-line tax deduction for higher education tuition and fees permanent. Unless Congress acts, nearly 1.7 million American families and students will lose this critical higher education deduction in the coming filing season, including almost 8,000 in New Hampshire.

Our state's students face some of the highest costs in the country. While there are many steps Congress should be taking right now to make higher education affordable, giving families certainty that this deduction will always be there is an essential prerequisite.

### **Defending health insurance help**

Navigators provide an essential, free service to people in New Hampshire and around the country who need help finding the best plan for their needs and budget. Comparing coverage options can be confusing, especially for people who haven't had insurance in the past. I've seen New Hampshire Navigators' skill and compassion firsthand, which is why I'm fighting to protect this essential community program from partisan Washington attacks.

Last Friday, Secretary Price's Department of Health and Human Services unexpectedly froze this year's promised funding on its way out the door. Some Navigators have [already been laid off](#) because of this administrative sabotage, and New Hampshire's grantees have not received their awards. I am calling on Secretary Price to unfreeze these funds immediately.

Earlier this week, I submitted an amendment that would have saved the Navigator program from elimination next year in the House omnibus appropriations bill for next year. Unfortunately, House Republicans blocked my amendment from coming to the floor for a vote.

### **Condemning the DACA decision**

I believe President Trump's Tuesday decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is morally wrong. It also would hurt our economy, which is why a wide range of American businesses are speaking out. These are young people who were brought to the United States as children through no fault of their own. They are showing their dedication and commitment to our country by pursuing higher education, working in our communities, or serving our nation. Penalizing the 966 New Hampshire young people who take part in this program is harmful to our local economies and denies these students, workers, and veterans the opportunity to strengthen the communities they grew up in.

### **Speaking up for New Hampshire's democracy**

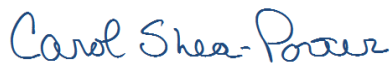
Yesterday, Kris Kobach, vice chair of President Trump's Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, made [wildly false allegations](#) about voting fraud in New Hampshire. He is trying to deceive the public in an attempt to justify his sham Commission's existence and back the President's false claims - at the expense of our state and faith in our democratic process. Today I asked all public officials in New Hampshire to join me in condemning these dangerous lies, and I called on Secretary of State Gardner to immediately resign his seat on the Commission.

### **Closing thoughts**

Now that threats of a September shutdown and a debt ceiling crisis have been averted, Congress needs to focus on other urgent priorities. These include reauthorizing the Children's Health Insurance Program and coming to bipartisan agreement on steps to stabilize the Affordable Care Act's Marketplaces, which are suffering from the ongoing uncertainty caused by this Administration.

As always, thank you for the honor of representing you in Congress.

Best wishes,



Carol

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**This Week's Press Releases**

- [Shea-Porter Statement on House Passage of Disaster Relief, Federal Government Funding, and Debt Limit Suspension Bill](#)
- [Shea-Porter Condemns Kobach's Deception, Calls on Gardner to Resign Commission Seat](#)
- [Shea-Porter Introduces Bill to Help Families and Students Afford Higher Education](#)
- [Shea-Porter Votes for Harvey Relief Bill](#)
- [Shea-Porter Submits Amendment to Save ACA's Navigator Program](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on Trump Announcement Regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program](#)

#### **ICYMI**

#### **NH Dems Demand Sec. of State Quit Trump Voter Fraud Panel After Kobach Controversy Talking Points Memo // Cameron Joseph**

New Hampshire's top Democrats are calling on their state's (nominally) Democratic secretary of state to resign from President Trump's voter fraud commission after its head made some wild claims that out-of-state voters tipped the state's Senate race last fall and possibly cost Trump the state.

#### **US Secretary Of Agriculture Sonny Perdue Visits Wolfeboro To Hear Local Concerns Laconia Daily Sun // Ginger Kozlowski**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue came to Town Hall Friday morning to listen to concerns from the people of rural New Hampshire. Joining him at the head of the table were Gov. Chris Sununu, and U.S. Reps. Carol Shea-Porter and Ann McLane Kuster.

#### **N.H. Democrats slam Trump's decision on immigrants**

##### **AP // Michael Casey**

President Donald Trump's decision to dismantle a government program that protects hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought to the U.S. as children is disappointing and wrong, the state's Democratic congressional delegation said Tuesday.



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